

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action of November 10, 2005. Claims 1-21 were rejected.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-21 over TORREY (U.S. Pat. No. 6,145,123). The Examiner stated in Section 3 that TORREY “teaches using breakpoints to trigger trace functions” such that TORREY “fulfills the broad interpretation of the claim language of the present invention of ‘tracing initiation being based on a first trace control command embodied in or more instructions of said program.’”

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, 10, 18, 19, and 20 to clarify that the trace control commands permit tracing to be triggered on and off without requiring breakpoints. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are thus distinguishable over TORREY, which “teaches using breakpoints to trigger trace functions.”

Applicant notes that the amendment to the claims is in accordance with remarks made in the Amendment of May 27, 2004. In particular, in the amendment of May 27, 2004 Applicant distinguished their invention over TORREY by pointing out that the trace control commands of Applicant’s claimed invention eliminate the requirement for breakpoints to initiate tracing. As described in paragraph [1040] of Applicant’s specification, one benefit of the trace control commands is that they permit tracing without requiring the use of debugger breakpoints.

Entry of the amendment and reconsideration is respectfully requested. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

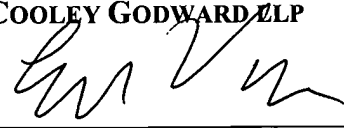
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